(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INSAT-2E spacecraft will augment the Normal-C band capacity in the INSAT system. INSAT-2E also carries 3-channel Very High Resolution Radiometer (VHRR) and a 3-channel CCD camera for Meteorological imaging of the Earth. The coverage of the INSAT-2E spacecraft is wider than its predecessors.

(c) INSAT-2E spacecraft is likely to be launched between April 2—9, 1999 from Kourou, French Guyana.

(d) INSAT-2E spacecraft has been transported to the launch site, Kourou, French Guyana where it is undergoing pre-flight testing.

Utilisation of water Resources in Punjab

1845. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether water resources in the country particularly in the State of Punjab are fully utilised;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a number of inter-State water disputes are putting an obstacle in the utilisation of water resources; and

(d) if so the measures Government are contemplating to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) Average annual flow available in the rivers of the country is assessed as 1869 billion cubic metre. Out of this, the utilisable water resources is assessed as 1122 billion cubic metre because of topographical and hydrological constraints, evaporation and evapotranspiration losses and for maintaining river regimes. Even full utilisation of the utilisable water resources was not possible due to constraints of funds, environment, land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected people and inter-State issues.

Resolution of inter-State issues is attempted through discussions, negotiations and finally by adjudication through Tribunals set up under Inter-State Water Disputes Act-1956.

जल-संसाधनों के विकास के लिए योजना

1846. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में अगले दशक के लिए जल-संसाधनों के विकास के लिए कोई अंतिम रूप-रेखा तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सिंचाई कार्यों के लिए विदेशी एजेन्सियों और संगठनों का सहयोग प्राप्त करने के लिए कोई नीतिगत योजना बनायी गयी है; और

(घ) क्या संसद द्वारा राष्ट्रीय जल-संसाधन नीति की समीक्षा की जाएगी?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) राष्ट्रीय जल संसाधन परिषद् जिसके अध्यक्ष प्रधान मंत्री हैं, द्वारा राष्ट्रीय जल नीति अपनाई जाती है और तत्पश्चात् यह सभापटल पर रखी जाती है।

Funds for Controlling Floods in North-Eastern Region

1847. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocated amount to the State of NER for controlling floods during the 8th and 9th plan;

(b) the amount of additional allocation sought by different State of NER for the purpose in the above plan; and